least three months. The Government, in the larger interests of the public, has suspended the implementation of CAS in the four metros until further orders through a notification issued on 27th Feb. 2004. The High Court of Madras has, however, granted absolute stay on the suspension of the CAS in Chennai, where it is currently under implementation.

DD programmes in Chhattisgarh

1268. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Doordarshan programmes have their reach in the entire area of Chhattisgarh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, whether Government would set up more VLPT/LPT in each districts to ensure the reach of Doordarshan even in remote areas of the state;

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when it would be done; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Doordarshan coverage in terrestrial mode is presently available to about 79.5% population of Chhattisgarh and about 69.2% of its area.

(b) to (d) For further expansion of TV coverage in Chhattisgarh, an HPT at Biiaspur (Bilaspur Distt.) and a VLPT at Devbhog (Raipur Distt.) are currently under implementation. The VLPT project at Devbhog is expected to be completed during 2004-05 and the HPT project at Bilaspur by the end of 2005-06. With commissioning of the above transmitters, about 90% population of the State is expected to be brought under the coverage and areawise coverage is expected to increase from the present 69.2% to about 75.3%. Further TV coverage to uncovered areas of the country is now envisaged to be provided through satellite transmission in Ku-Band, which is expected to commence shortly.

Law and order problems due to domestic satellite TV channels

1269. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that some domestic